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On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions of the

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT

1970

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer of Health
of Warminster and Westbury
Rural District Council.

Health Department,
Portway House,
Portway,
Warminster,
Wilts.

Lt.Colonel J.W. Madden,
Chairman of Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1970, relating to the state of the public health and sanitary conditions in the rural district of Warminster and Westbury. With it is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. E. CUPPLES.

December 1971.

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WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

	To 20th May 1970	From 20th May 1970
Chairman of the Council:	Lt.Col. J.W.Madden	Lt.Col. J.W.Madden
Vice Chairman of the Council:	Maj .Gen. A.T.de Rhe Philipe	Maj.Gen.A.T. de Rhe Philipe
Chairman of the Public Health Committee:	Lt.Col. J.W. Madden	R.E. Moger
Members of the Public Health Committee:	Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Council - ex officio	
	Mrs. E.M. Mead	Mrs. H. Briggs
	Mrs. W. Keith Neal	Mrs. F. Sykes
	Mrs.M.M. Pottow	Mrs. P. Sykes
	Mrs. F. Sykes	C. Bath
	Mrs. P. Sykes	T.C.R.Brocklebank
	W.J. Breach	S.G. Davenport
	T.C.R. Brocklebank	J.R.Drake
	J.R. Drake	H.Greene
	T.H. Forbes Johnson	S.J. Mitchell
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	S.J. Mitchell	W.J.N.Oram
	R.E. Moger	R.P. Pepler
	F, Norris	M.H. Peters
	W.J.N. Oram	R.F.Stratton
	M.H. Peters	W.L.Wallis
	S.H. Stafford	
	R.F. Stratton	
	W.L. Wallis	

Members Elected to the West Wilts Water Board

R.F.Stratton	Lt.Col. J.W. Madden
E.R. Wheatley-Hubbard	

Staff of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health

Joseph Reynolds MC., LRCP.Edin., LRCS., Edin., LRFP. & S.Glas., DPH., (Eng.)

Chief Public Health Inspector (part time)

A.H. Eagle FIAS., MIPHE., MRSH.

Deputy Public Health Inspector (part time)

W.D.Grey MAPHI.

Additional Public Health Inspectors

G.R. Pope MAPHI (part time)
A. Marsden MAPHI (full time)

Craven House,
Warminster,
Wilts.

Telephone:
Warminster 3428/9

Clerks

Miss K.V. Jones
Mrs. E. Bowyer
Miss M. Street

	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Area of District in acres	86,155	86,155	86,155
Population (1961 Census 13,026) Registrar General's Estimate of Mid-Year Population	14,600	14,120	14,210
Density of Population - Persons per acre	0.17	0.17	0.17
Number of Hereditiments	5,560	5,779	5941
Number of Council Houses	683	693	697
Rateable Value at 1st April	£365,997	£399,976	£427,310
Rateable Value per head of population	£25.1.4.	£28.6.6.	£38.07
Product of Penny Rate	£ 1,525.	£ 1,640.	£1,745
Loan Debt per head of population	£82.11.4	£85.0.2	£89.75
Loan Debt per £ of Rateable Value	£3.5.10.	£3.0.0.	£3.05
Number of Improvement Grants	740	775	805

The Rural District of Warminster and Westbury is in South West Wiltshire at the South Western corner of Salisbury Plain and includes within its boundaries the Urban Districts of Warminster and Westbury. A part of the Plain containing the Parish of Imber is in military occupation and closed to the public.

The area in the past was mainly given to agricultural pursuits. A trading estate has been developed in the parish of Heywood and new industries are being developed there. They comprise Light Engineering, Processing of Scrap Metal, Concrete Products, Warehouses and Furniture Repositories, Packing and Distribution of Surgical Supplies, Manufacturers of Mobile Houses, Animal Food Factory and Mushroom Farm. Other industries in the Rural District include works for agricultural machinery and a tannery.

Many of the villages provide dormitory facilities for workers in the Urban Districts of Frome, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury. The district is roughly bisected by the watershed feeding the Bristol Avon to the North West and the Hampshire Avon to the East. Through it flows traffic from Bristol to Southampton by the Trunk Road A.36, and from North to South by the A.350. The M.4 Motorway, providing rapid access to London, Wales, the Midlands and the North, runs 25 miles to the North of the Rural District, The Westbury White Horse commemorating Alfred's victory over the Danes is a familiar sight to travellers on the main line of the Western Region of British Railways, which also passes through the district. Longleat House in its rural surroundings of great beauty is a focal point for both national and international visitors.

VITAL STATISTICS

The population figures given are home populations (i.e. including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces. The area comparability factors for use with birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.

VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

A) Live Births	Male	Female
Total	133	129
Legitimate	126	121
Illegitimate	7	8

Live Birth Rate	
Per 1,000 population of the Rural District	18.4
Of the Rural District after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.21)	22.3
Per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire	17.2
Per 1,000 population of England and Wales	16.0
Ratio of Local adjusted birth rate to national rate	1.39

B) Still Births		
Total	1	-
Legitimate	1	-

C) Deaths	Male	Female	Total
Number of deaths as enumerated by Registrar General	89	67	156

Death Rate	
Per 1,000 population of Rural District	11.0
After correction by Area comparability Factor (0.91) which permits comparison with National Statistics below	10.0
Per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire	10.7
Per 1,000 population of England and Wales	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	.86

D) Deaths of infants under one year of age		
Total	2	4
Legitimate	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-

E) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age		
Total	1	3
Legitimate	1	3
Illegitmate	-	-

F) Deaths of infants under 1 week of age		
Total	-	3
Legitimate	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-

Rates for infant mortality are not given since the numbers are too small to be of statistical significance.

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	SEX	TOTAL All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
GROUP II - Neoplasms													
B.19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
B.19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
B.19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
B.19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	6	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-
B.20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP IV. Diseases of the Blood and Blood forming Organs													
B.23 Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
GROUP VI. Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs													
B.24 Meningitis	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.46(5) Other diseases of Nervous System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System													
B.26 Chronic rheumatic heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B.27 Hypertensive disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	SEX	TOTAL All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 & over
GROUP VII (continued)													
B.28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	11	13
	F	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	10
B.29 Other forms of Heart Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
B.30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	5
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
B.46(6) Other diseases of circulatory system	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
GROUP VIII. Diseases of the Respiratory System													
B.31 Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.32 Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
B.33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B. 33(2) Asthma	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
B.46(7) Other diseases of respiratory system	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
GROUP X. Diseases of the Genito-urinary system													
B.38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
GROUP XIV. Congenital Anomalies													
B.42 Congenital anomalies	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH According to the International Classification of Diseases	SEX	TOTAL All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 & over
GROUP XV Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity & Mortality													
B.43 Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.44 Other causes of perinatal mortality	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUPXVI. Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions.													
B.45 Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROUP XVII. Accidents, Poisonings and Voilence													
BE 47. Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE 48. All other accidents	M	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES:	M	89	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	11	30	40
	F	67	3	1	1	-	-	1	2	-	6	17	36

TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors)

YEAR	POPULATION	BIRTHS	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster and Westbury	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	DEATHS	Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster and Westbury	Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales	Deaths of Infants under one year of Age
1961	13,090	199	18.1	17.6	159	11.7	11.9	3
1962	13,370	183	16.3	18.0	164	11.8	11.9	7
1963	13,610	216	19.2	18.2	172	11.6	12.2	4
1964	13,700	205	18.1	18.5	142	9.5	11.3	2
1965	13,850	232	20.3	18.1	145	9.5	11.5	3
1966	13,470	265	23.8	17.7	152	11.3	11.7	3
1967	13,640	236	20;9	17.2	149	9.9	11.2	6
1968	14,600	234	19.4	16.9	145	9.1	11.9	5
1969	14,120	253	21.7	16.3	144	9.4	11.9	4
1970	14,210	262	22.3	16.0	156	10.0	11.7	6

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

a) Laboratory facilities

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory and rewarding.

b) Ambulance Service

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from Trowbridge, where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the distr Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, telephone Trowbridge 3641.

d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The following clinics serve the district:-

1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.
Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

Westbury Hospital - Thursday afternnon commencing at 2 p.m.

Health Clinic, Warminster - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, commencing at 2 p.m. for Bradford-on-Avon patients only.

2. Infant Welfare

Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster at 2 - 4 p.m. every Friday of each month.

Clinic, Leigh Road, Westbury 2 - 4 p.m. every Thursday of each month.

The Codford Club, Codford 2.30 - 4 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley 2.30 -4 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Dilton Services Social Club, Dilton Marsh 2.30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Welfare foods are distributed at the Health Clinic, the Avenue, Warminster on:- Tuesday 10.a.m. - 11.30 a.m., Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

3. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunization

The Warminster clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 2 p.m. at The Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m. at the Clinic, Leigh Road, Westbury.

The Codford Clinic is held on the second Monday of every month at The Codford Club, Codford.

4. Venereal Disease

	Men	Women
General Infirmary Salisbury	Tuesday 1.30 - 4 p.m. Friday 3 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday 1.30 - 4 Friday 3-6 p.m.
Royal United Hospital Bath	Tuesday 5 - 6 p.m. Friday 5 - 6 p.m.	Tuesday 2.30-4 p.m Friday 2.30-4 p.m

e) Hospitals

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wilts Hospital Management Committee:

	Beds	Classification	Type of case dealt with
Warminster Hospital	30	Wholly general	Acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short period only.
Westbury and District Hospital	20	-do-	
Sambourne Hospital Warminster	102	Mainly chronic sick	Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to County Council for 26 Welfare residents.
Beckford Hospital, Warminster.	32	Pre-convalescent and recovery unit plus orthopaedic.	

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge, and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital, The Manor Hospital, Bath, and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

f) Mortuary

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Department of Health and Social Security

Weymouth Street,
Warminster. — Telephone Warminster 2351

Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Area Offices

School Lane,
Bellvue Road,
Salisbury. — Telephone Salisbury 27601

Homefield House
Polebarn Road,
Trowbridge. — Telephone Trowbridge 4491

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an officer of the Board are required, please telephone:-

Trowbridge 5598	Salisbury 22027
Westbury 2982	Winterslow 431

General Information (cont'd)

Department of Employment and Productivity

Weymouth Street,
Warminster,
Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone Warminster 2351

Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

	Hours	
The Avenue, Warminster. Telephone Warminster 3435	Monday Wednesday Friday	2.30 - 4 p.m. 10 - 11.30 a.m. 10 - 12 noon.
Laverton Institute Westbury. Telephone Westbury 2122	Tuesday Thursday Friday	9.30 - 11 a.m. 9.30 - 11 a.m. 3 - 4 p.m.

Mental Health Officer

Mr. T. Hodgson.

Telephone Trowbridge 4084

During Office Hours

Trowbridge Health Clinic,
The Halve,
Trowbridge.

SECTION C

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Supplies of certain Prophylactic and Therapeutic Agents can be obtained in an emergency from:-

The Chief Pharmacist,
Ham Green Hospital, Pill, Bristol. Telephone 027581 -2667

The preparations held are:-

Anthrax Antiserum
Botulinum Antitoxin
Human Antitetanus Immunoglobulin
Ovine Antitetanus Serum
Pralidoxime Mesylate (P2S)

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

Arrangements for immunization against anthrax can be made through the Wiltshire County Cluncil. All tannery workers regarded as being at risk in the Rural District have been immunized against anthrax.

Poisons Information Service

A national Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital London S.E.1. (HOP 7600) to provide information to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the public.

Organophosphorus Poisoning

Certain insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyridine-2-aldoxine-methiodide (PAM). A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Telephone no. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division C.D.E.E. (Ministry of Supply), Porton, Wilts. (Telephone No. Idmiston 211).

Infectious diseases notified during 1970

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Measles	-	3	6	5	15	12	7	10	2	10	10	3	83
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Measles	300	7	106	150	146	87	129	69	47	83
Whooping Cough	2	6	6	4	9	1	2	9	3	-
Lobar Pneumonia	3	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Influenzal Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	1	2	-	12	1	1	2	2	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-
Dysentery	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Cases on Register at 31.12.69	23	11	11	6
New Cases notified during 1970	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-
Transferred out of District	-	-	-	-
Cases on Register at 31.12.70	23	11	11	6

Notifications and Deaths during the year:

Year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		Totals	
	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths	Notifications	Deaths
1961	3	1	1	-	4	1
1962	1	-	1	-	2	-
1963	4	-	-	-	4	-
1964	2	-	-	-	2	-
1965	2	1	-	-	2	1
1966	2	1	-	-	2	1
1967	-	1	-	-	-	1
1968	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	1	-	-	-	1	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of each year:-

Year	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
1961	49	19	68
1962	49	19	68
1963	49	19	68
1964	52	19	71
1965	47	19	66
1966	48	18	66
1967	43	18	61
1968	35	17	52
1969	34	17	51
1970	34	17	51

IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS 1970

(The figures are supplied by Courtesy of Dr. C. D. L. Lycett, C.M.O.H.Wilts)

		Children born in years					1961 - 65	1955 - 60	Others under 16
		1970	1969	1968	1967	1966			
Primary imms completed during 1970	Diph.	87	79	2	-	2	3	-	-
	Wh.Cough	87	77	2	-	1	2	-	-
	Tetanus	87	82	2	-	2	5	5	2
	Measles	-	71	40	7	6	8	-	-
	Polio.	87	80	2	-	2	5	-	-
Reinforcing imms. given in 1970	Diph.	-	38	81	10	62	20	2	-
	Who.cough	-	27	60	6	-	5	-	-
	Tetanus	-	39	81	10	62	20	5	1
	Polio.	-	38	74	9	61	60	1	-

SMALLPOX Age groups:	Months				Years		
	- 3	3 - 6	6 - 9	9 - 12	1	2 - 4	5 - 15
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	47	37	-
Re-Vaccinations					-	-	6

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

33 Samples of raw milk were submitted for biological tests. Four samples of milk from a herd supplying milk for treatment in another area gave positive results. Advice was given to the farmer regarding precautions to take.

The number of Producer/Retailers licensed at the end of the year had further reduced to six.

Water Supplies

The Rural District is in the northern division of the West Wilts Water Board and the following figures, for which I am grateful, are taken from the report of the Engineer and Manager for the year ended 31st March 1971.

METERED CONSUMPTION

(Thousand gallons)

	Annual Quantity 1967/68	Annual Quantity 1968/69	Annual Quantity 1969/70	Annual Quantity 1970/71
Warminster and Westbury Rural District	93,290	90,600	110,150	105,494

Number of Properties Receiving a Water Supply from the Board

As at 31st March 1971				
Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council	No. of dwelling houses in district	No. of dwelling houses receiving a supply from the Board's mains	Percentage supplied	No. of other properties supplied & cha on annual valu (shops, offices other building
	5266	5027	95.46	312

During the period the water supply in the Rural District derived from the mains of the West Wilts Water Board was satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Unfortunately the Wiltshire County Council has again decided against fluoridation of these supplies which are deficient in natural fluorides.

The figures in the following table are as accurate as possible without making a house to house inspection of the Rural District and staff is not available for this purpose.

Water Supplies - cont'd:

Village	Supply	No. of houses on inside mains		No. of houses on S/Pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies
		Houses	Pop.	Houses	Pop.		
ishopstrow	WWWB	59	147	nil	nil	1	1
yton & Corton	"	69	186	nil	nil	5	7
ratton	"	270	775	1	1	8	11
ulkington	"	46	143	nil	nil	2	3
hapmanslade	"	179	465	nil	nil	1	2
hitterne	"	96	226	nil	nil	7	10
odford	"	239	755	nil	nil	14	17
orsley	"	242	660	nil	nil	8	13
ilton Marsh	"	480	1278	7	7	2	2
ast Coulston	"	26	84	nil	nil	3	18
dington	"	246	722	nil	nil	5	7
ytesbury & .Tytherington	"	211	577	nil	nil	1	14
eywood & awkeridge	"	282	802	nil	nil	1	3
inton	"	53	176	nil	nil	1	2
orningsham	"	178	460	nil	nil	5	5
eevil	"	125	321	nil	nil	1	3
ingston, onkton & rixton Deverill	"	112	277	nil	nil	7	9
nook	"	31	70	nil	nil	nil	nil
ongbridge, everill Hill							

Village	Supply	No. of houses on inside mains		No. of houses on S/pipes		Private Supplies	Houses on Private Supplies	Popula-tion on Private Supplies	Popu tio on TOT
		Houses	Pop.	Houses	Pop.				
Brought forward		4187	11436	10	10	79	134	312	116
Steeple Ashton	WWWB	381	1428	nil	nil	6	6	12	144
Stockton	WWWB	nil	nil	nil	nil	3	81	220	22
Sutton Veny & Pt.Tytherington	WWWB	188	487	nil	nil	2	2	3	49
Upton Lovell	WWWB	55	442	nil	nil	6	7	18	16
Upton Scudamore	WWWB	85	220	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	22
West Ashton	WWWB	121	326	nil	nil	2	9	24	35
TOTAL:		5017	14339	10	10	98	239	589	1454

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Rural District Council controls the gauge sited at Cross Roads Farm, Edington. The figures are given in six monthly periods coincidental with the seasons:-

Deposited Matter. Undissolved deposit expressed as milligrammes per sq. metre per day

April 1968	May 1968	June 1968	July 1968	Aug 1968	Sept. 1968	Summer Average
14	21	36	39	94	76	47

Oct. 1968	Nov. 1968	Dec. 1968	Jan. 1969	Feb. 1969	March 1969	Winter Average
51	19	48	41	35	27	37

April 1969	May 1969	June 1969	July 1969	Aug. 1969	Sept. 1969	Summer Average
79	49	61	108	308	44	108

Oct. 1969	Nov. 1969	Dec. 1969	Jan. 1970	Feb. 1970	March 1970	Winter Average
53	33	25	24	28	34	33

April 1970	May 1970	June 1970	July 1970	Aug. 1970	Sept 1970	Summer Average
41	134	95	not available	not available	151	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

(Including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	57	24	1	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	57	24	1	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 (Continued)

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work un-wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prose -tions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel (making etc., Cleaning and washing)	8	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	8	-	-	-	-	-

Mr. A.H. Eagle, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows:-

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on laying the sewers for Whorwellsdown (Phase I) was commenced during the year. Approval for the Upton Scudamore scheme was received from the Ministry and work was commenced in June.

Preparation for sewering the village of Bishopstrow was in progress.

The Council formulated a programme for sewering that part of the District which remains unsewered.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A scheme for introducing a weekly collection throughout the district was being prepared ready for introduction early 1971. The Council took delivery of a new refuse vehicle in readiness for this increased service.

A site located in the north of the District was surveyed and application was made to the County Planning Department for permission to use it for tipping house refuse.

A number of complaints were received concerning flies in the vicinity of Penleigh Tip. The frequent use of insecticide kept this problem to a minimum, while earth cover, though difficult to obtain, was increased.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Eight vehicles found abandoned were dealt with under this Act. Two were removed to Penleigh Tip and disposed of, and a further two were removed by the respective owners, after service of notice. The owners of the remaining vehicles were still being traced at the end of the year.

A number of requests were made from residents of the district to deposit bulky household items at the Council's refuse tip.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

A total of twenty eight inspections were carried out during the year. Defects found were mainly of a minor nature and no prosecutions were taken.

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year were:-

20	Offices
16	Retail Shops.
2	Wholesale shops/warehouses
7	Catering premises.
45	

The total number of persons employed was 248.

Only one accident was reported during the year. As a result letters were sent to all registered premises drawing the employers attention to their obligation, under Section 48, to notify accidents. Some responsewas received from employers who asked for copies of forms OSR2 to be sent to them. No further notification of accidents was received.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

MILK SAMPLING

Total number of samples of heat treated milk taken	54
Samples of pasteurised milk passing the methylene blue test	47 (1 void)
Samples of pasteurised milk failing the methylene blue test	3
Samples of pasteurised milk passing the phosphatase test	50
Samples of pasteurised milk failing the phosphatase test	0
Samples of sterilized milk passing the turbidity test	4
Samples of sterilized milk failing the turbidity test	0
Total number of samples of untreated milk taken	97
Samples of untreated milk passing the methylene blue test	66
Samples of untreated milk failing the methylene blue test	4
Number of sets of bottle rinses taken	Nil

FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS 1960

Number of premises	88
Number of premises complying with Regulation 16	79
Number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	84
Number of premises complying with Regulation 19	83

The types of food premises and the number of each type are as follows:-

General grocery and confectionery premises	42
Butchers premises	4
Catering premises	10
Bakeries	1
Public Houses	31
Total:	88

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Twenty one petroleum storage tanks were due for pressure testing during the year. Fifteen were tested, and one tank failed to withstand a pressure of 10 lbs. per s in. for 24 hours. Four petrol tanks which should have been tested in 1969 were tested and one tank failed. Notification was received from one licensee that his tank was no longer used for petroleum storage.

HOUSING

(a) Council Housing Programme

Four bungalows at Steeple Ashton were completed during the year.

(b) Private Enterprise Housing

Ninety houses were completed during the year.

(c) Improvement Grants

During the year ten houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Grants totalling £7,055.50p, and fourteen houses with the aid of Standard Grants totalling £3,365.41p.

(d) Housing Repairs and Rents Act

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during 1970.

(e) Housing Act 1969, Part III

Four qualification certificates were issued under Sections 45(2) and 46(3) during the year.

(f) Housing Act 1957 and Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961

Eighteen informal notices were served during the year, and ten were complied wit

RURAL HOUSING STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1970

1. Number of permanent dwellings in district at end of the year	5,307
2. Number of permanent dwellings owned by local authority	697
3. Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by local authority	None
4. Number of applications for Council dwellings at end of the year	No list maintained.

5. Inspections of dwellings during year:

A. Under Public Health Acts	
(i) Number of dwellings inspected	273
(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	nil
(iii) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	nil
(iv) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	nil
(v) Number of dwellings made fit after formal notice	
(a) By Owners	nil
(b) By local authority in default of owners	nil
B. Under Housing Acts	
(i) Number of dwellings inspected	60
(ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit	3
(iii) Number of dwellings where informal notices were served	nil
(iv) Number of dwellings made fit after informal action	9
C. Proceedings under Section 9 and 10 of the Housing Act 1957	
(i) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served	nil
(ii) Number of dwellings made fit after service of formal notice	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil
D. Proceedings under Section 16 and 17 Housing Act, 1957	
(i) Number of demolition orders made	1
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	13
(iii) Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to re-let	1
(iv) Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings	nil
E. Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35 Housing Act 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act 1961	
(i) Number of dwellings where closing orders were made	1
(ii) Number of dwellings closed as result of closing orders or undertakings by owners	1
F. Proceedings under Section 17, 42, 43, 46 and 48 Housing Act 1957	
(i) Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made	nil
(ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders	nil
(iii) Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation	nil
G. Proceedings under Section 76 Housing Act 1957	
(i) Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year	1
(ii) Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year	1
(iii) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year	nil

RODENT CONTROL

Number of complaints	125
Number of dwellinghouses and business premises inspected	1130
Number of dwellinghouses and business premises found infested	448
Number of agricultural properties inspected	150
Number of agricultural properties found infested	115
Number of dwellinghouses and business premises treated by Local Authority	403
Number of agricultural properties treated by Local Authority	75
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	429

Both the sites used for "controled tipping" were regularly inspected and treated by the Council's Rodent Operator for both the control of rodents and flies.

Twelve properties were treated for an infestation of flies; and four for an infestation of fleas.

Thirteen wasp's nests were destroyed.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats	Horses
Number killed	40	-	1	97	75	-	-
Number inspected	40	-	1	97	75	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole Carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	1	14	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	25%	-	-	1.03%	20%	-	-
Tuberculosis Only Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cycticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

The following is a summary of inspections and visits made during 1970:-

P.H. Act Inspections	274
P.H. Act Revisits	57
Housing Act Inspections	57
Housing Act Revisits	60
Infectious Diseases	-
Tents, vans and sheds	9
Water Supplies	7
Water Samples Taken	21
Sewage works, drainage and ditches	282
Sewerage schemes	118
Factories Acts (with Power)	24
Workplaces	1
Building Regulations	2043
Work in progress	1
Drain Tests	11
Town and Country Planning Acts	504
Improvement Grants - Discretionary	144
Improvement Grants - Standard	70
Refuse Disposal	202
Offensive Trades	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Pests and Vermin	18
Interviews	57
Miscellaneous	57
Food Inspections	21
Meat Inspections	38
Slaughterhouses	3
Butchers' Shops	8
Butchers' Vans	3
Grocers' Shops	10
Grocers' Vans	1
General and Confectionery Premises	6
Greengrocers' Premises	1
Greengrocers' Vans	-

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

Catering Premises	7
Ice Cream Retailers	1
Licensed Premises	4
Milk and Dairies visits	24
Milk and bottle samples	106
Watercress beds	-
Diseases of Animals Act	9
Petroleum Acts	50
Council Housing Estates	660
Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act	9
Footpaths etc., ...	42
Poultry Packing Stations	1
Agricultural Sanitary Accommodation Regulations	-
Atmospheric Pollution	19
Bakehouses	-
Petroleum Tank Tests	23
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	28
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (Accidents).. ..	1
Public Utilities Street Works Act	7
National Assistance Act	3
Scrap Dealers	9
Caravan Act	26
Noise Abatement	8
Street Lighting	1
Laybys	6
Public Conveniences	17
Civic Amenities	24